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AND

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THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN,

As Members of Society;

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IT muſt be univerſally allowed, that in a general Struggle for FREEDOM, ſuch as at preſent pervades almoſt every part of Europe, it would be a ſcandalous Omiſſion to overlook the Injuries of the FAIRER PART OF THE CREATION; and a Refuſal to acknowledge and ſupport the Rights of thoſe, who, by Nature, have allotted to them the Taſk of forming the juvenile Mind of the Citizen, would juſtly ſtamp every Man as inſenſible to the Dictates of Gratitude—and with a ſhameful Deſire to continue an Oppreſſion that Reflexion cannot fail to point out as a groſs Violation of every Principle of LIBERTY.

The Herculean Pillars of TYRANNY, which, to the Aſtoniſhment of the philoſophical World, have ſo long ſtood on the Baſis of ERROR, have received a Shock from the Lightning, occaſioned by the Colliſion of TRUTH and FALSEHOOD. Their Foundations begin to grow unſteady; MORALITY, the ſure Conſequence of the Progreſs of POLITICAL VERITY, has nearly undermined them; and a ſhort—very ſhort Period can only elapſe, before they muſt, with an horrid Craſh be tumbled into an Heap of Ruins, burying, perhaps, beneath their disjointed Members, thoſe whoſe Occupation is the keeping them in Repair, and of whom we may cry out with SHAKSPEARE, in his Deſcription of the SAMPHIRE-GATHERER on Dover-cliffs,

"DREADFUL TRADE!"

BRITISH MUSEUM

Mankind, regenerated and illumined by the radiant Torch of REASON, will, in future Ages, with the true Spirit of ANTIQUARIANS, enquire in what Order of Architecture theſe MASSIVE COLUMNS were reared; and will, in all Probability, diſcredit thoſe who ſhall inform them that it was in that of HUMAN MISERY—an Order in which none but TYRANTS and OPPRESSORS were ſkilled, whoſe Architrave was CRUELTY; whoſe Capital was FOLLY; whoſe Shaft was COWARDICE, fluted with SUPERSTITION; whoſe Plinth was IGNORANCE; and whoſe Aſtragals were DECEIT and FALSEHOOD.

To reſtore to their juſt and indefeaſible Rights, thoſe whoſe Society form the chief Comfort and Happineſs of Man, is the Object of the preſent Publication; and the Author will feel himſelf ſupremely happy, ſhould he be in the ſmalleſt Degree inſtrumental in deſtroying that Deſpotiſm at preſent exerciſed over the FEMALE WORLD, ſo diſgraceful to Man, and which muſt cruelly debaſe him in the eyes of every thinking and rational Woman—an Uſurpation that, like many others which Man ſeems extremely diſpoſed to throw off, has no other Foundation than Cuſtom, AS SAVAGE AS IT IS SILLY, the ſcandalous Remnant of Feudal Barbariſm, and Gothic Ignorance.